

Riddle's Carpet mill was constructed here in 1807, with Henderson's Woolen Mill (founded 1830) merging into Woodbury Woolen Mills in 1900. A new mill complex was constructed by J. F. McElwain in 1900, manufacturing boot heels, merging into the International Shoe Company in 1921. A tannery structure was soon created just south of the existing mill complex. Gate City Poultry of Nashua occupied the tannery building until the structure burned in 1950. The first chemical companies took over the boot heel manufacturing structures in the 1950s, ending with the demolition of the Harcross Chemical Company in 2001.

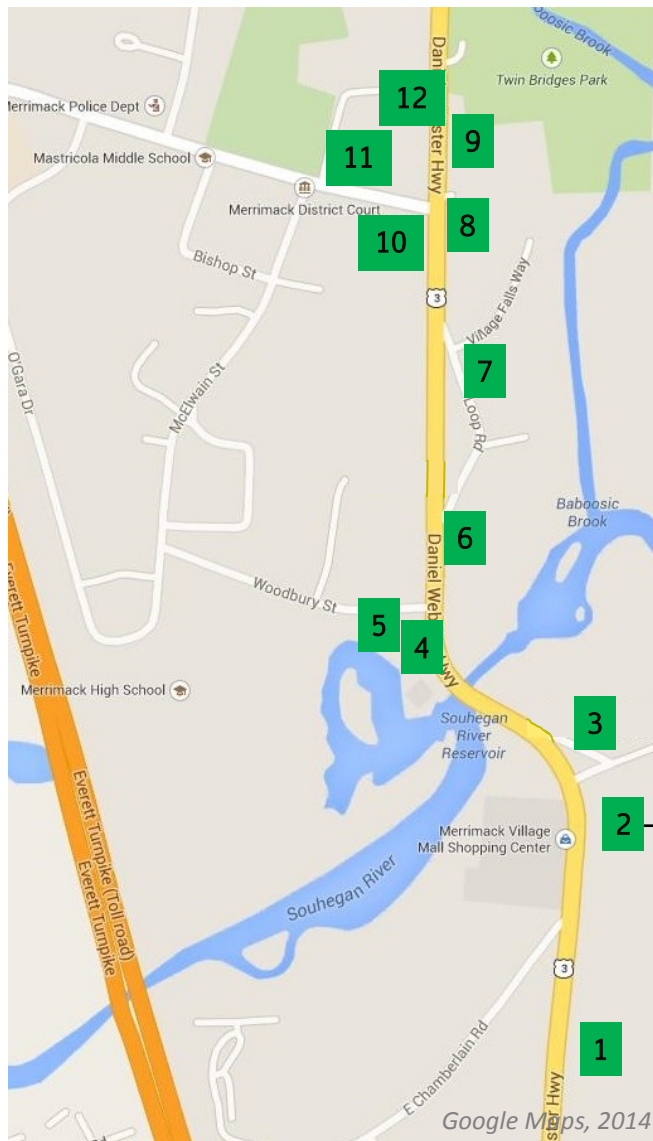
Harold Watson donated this property to the Town of Merrimack for park use, supporting the vision of the 1999 Town Center master plan, creating an attractive pedestrian center for the community which opened in 2010.

The tannery foundation still exists today and remnants of the power canal pass under the connected Chamberlain Bridge.

MERRIMACK TOWN HALL



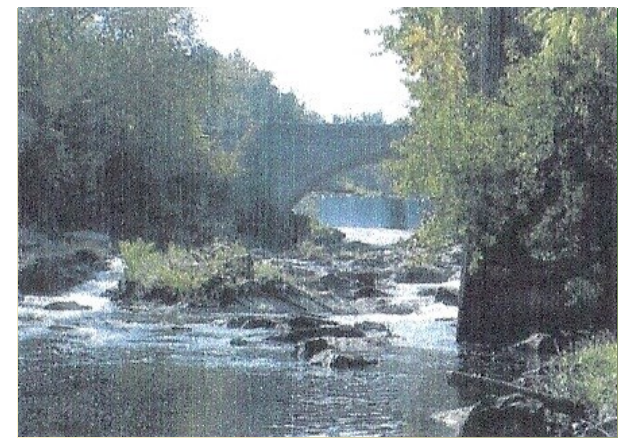
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SOUHEGAN VILLAGE

MERRIMACK TOWN CENTER

HISTORIC SITE BROCHURE



CHAMBERLAIN BRIDGE

WITH VILLAGE DAM
IN BACKGROUND



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1 **401 DW Highway**

Merrimack Vision Care, located on the grounds of the historic Herrick/Wright farm, provides attractive new space while maintaining the historical integrity of this unique barn.



2 **30 Railroad Avenue**



The Souhegan Village train station built circa 1850 is the only remaining passenger depot located on the original Nashua and Concord line.

3 **2 Railroad Avenue**

Originally a grocery store, Mark Rivet rehabilitated the building to resemble its original appearance.



4 **436 DW Highway**



Riddles Store (then Abbot's Market), constructed of Merrimack brick, dates back to the early 19th century. Today it is home of Swan Chocolates.

5 **438 DW Highway**

Buckley's Great Steaks is housed in the famous Riddles Tavern constructed in 1807 to accommodate commerce of the day. President Jackson stopped here for lunch.



6 **447 DW Highway**



The mid-19th century structure was built to house woolen mill-workers. Today it houses Gaumont Law Offices.

7 **27 Loop Road**

The classic connected farm building style originating in the early decades of the 19th century. Previous home of Emma Cross, earliest librarian. Currently home of Elliot Orthodontics.



8 **471 DW Highway**



The famous Ayers Hall, circa 1800 housed the first meeting of Catholics in Merrimack. The lower floor is the oldest continuously operating establishment in Merrimack known as "Kiestlinger's Store" The current owner operates a mattress store.

9 **475 DW Highway**

The Roby/McConihie/Nevin's Tavern, circa 1793, was the original Town Center gathering place. The structure moved across the street from its original location and is now used for rental housing.



10 **470 DW Highway**



The beautiful original portion of the Lowell Library built in 1924 is a prime example of Classical Revival Structure.

11 **7 Baboosic Lake Road**

The First Congregational Church of Merrimack was founded in 1771. The current 1839 structure built in the Greek Revival/Federal style was soon constructed after the separation of church and state.



12 **4 Church Street**



Built in the early 1800s and upgraded in 1845 as Schoolhouse #9, this structure now houses the O'Leary Adult Community Center.